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SUBJECT: PRESS HANDLING OF PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM'S
CALL ON PRESIDENT FORD

1. WHITLAM'S CALL ON PRESIDENT FORD TOOK PLACE AT
THE TIME OF WHITE HOUSE BRIEFING OCTOBER 4, SO NO READ-
OUT GIVEN. HOWEVER, WHITE HOUSE PRESS OFFICERS PREPARED
TO RESPOND ALONG FOLLOWING LINES IF QUERIED BY
INDIVIDUAL JOURNALISTS:

2. THE PRESIDENT MET WITH PM WHITLAM AT 11 A.M. FOR
APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR. THIS WAS THE PRESIDENT'S
FIRST MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER. THERE WAS A BROAD
EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON MATTERS OF COMMON
CONCERN AS PARTNERS IN THE ANZUS ALLIANCE, INCLUDING
A REVIEW OF THE WORLD SITUATION AND THE SITUATION IN
ASIA, THE QUESTION OF WORLDWIDE FOOD AND RESOURCE
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AVAILABILITY AND THE GLOBAL ENERGY SITUATION.

3. OTHER PARTICIPANTS INCLUDED FM WILLESEE, AMBASSADOR SHAW, AND DFA SECRETARY RENOUF; ON THE AMERICAN SIDE, SECRETARY KISSINGER AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB.

4. SECRETARY KISSINGER AND PM WHITLAM HAD A SEPARATE MEETING AT THE WHITE HOUSE PRIOR TO THE PM'S CALL ON THE PRESIDENT.

5. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION IF WHITLAM INVITED PRESIDENT TO VISIT AUSTRALIA, SPOKESMAN WOULD RESPOND YES, AND PRESIDENT SAID WHILE HE CANNOT VISIT AUSTRALIA DURING THE UPCOMING TRIP TO ASIA, HE LOOKS FORWARD TO DOING SO SOME TIME IN THE FUTURE. KISSINGER

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